

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

licant:

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FIBER BOARDS

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed March 24, 2004, Applicant hereby elects Group I, Claims 1-7, for prosecution in the subject application.

Applicant, of course, reserve the right to file a divisional application covering the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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